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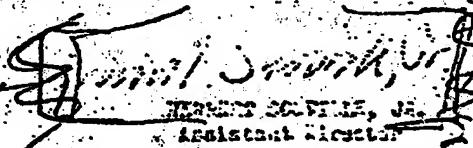
SUBJECT

[REDACTED]
Ballistic Missiles in Afghanistan.

REFERENCE

a. Your 2d October 1955 memo,
b. Your 5 October 1955 memo,

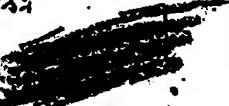
1. We have no desire to interview [REDACTED] noted in reference a. However, we are most anxious to receive the reported results of [REDACTED] forthcoming trip listed in reference b.
2. We are unable to determine the nature and use of the observed object. Consequently, we are very much interested in any further details which may be acquired, say, as to of any metallic or other debris remains after such objects landed would be extremely valuable.
3. Your attention is invited to the very close similarity between the Army Ordnance report attached to reference b, and a United Press article on flying objects in Afghanistan dated received from Kabul on 4 October 1955, attached hereto.



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Attachments 1
(as stated)

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Attachment to R November 19th 1960, U/I to DE/P, subject
"Unidentified Machines in Afghanistan".

Below is a copy of a CP article on flying objects in Afghanistan.

Kabul: Afghanistan, October 16, 1960

The witness reports reaching Kabul said today the Soviets are testing a revolutionary battle-minded aircraft at a secret base in the remote and mountainous regions of north Afghanistan.

More than 1000 residents of the Afghan "corridor" - a finger of land jutting eastward towards India - reported seeing the strange craft which they first said looked like a "flying saucer."

The description of the machines was almost identical. They said it was a disc like a no. less bulky about 20 feet wide, with "pins" extending from the outside edge; apparently similar to the one United States flying platform.

Fire appeared to be shooting out of the top and from the bottom and there was a "tiny wind" which officials took to be the downward thrust of the air at high speed. The craft had a blue band around the middle and four holes, witnesses said.

The aircraft has been seen on two separate occasions. Each time it apparently took off from the Russian field, flew along the corridor at a low altitude, however, went up and down, and then sped away to the north at high speed.

Officials said the natives of the region were familiar with modern day jets, helicopters and of rifles. They were questioned when reports of "flying saucers" reached the northeast Afghanistan town of Faizabad three weeks ago.

